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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Amendment filed 3/27/03.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7,9-14,16-18,20 and 23-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7,9-14,16-18,20 and 23-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

2. Claim 1 is rejected because it reads on existing well-known features.

Claim 1 simply reads on a subscriber having two separate services: fixed site device service, for example a home or office telephone number with Verizon, and a mobility device service, for example a wireless telephone number with Verizon wireless. The subscriber may subscribe to the conventional call forwarding service for each of his/her fixed and mobility device. Thus a busy/no answer condition at the fixed device will cause an incoming call to be forwarded to the mobility device, and a busy/no answer condition at the mobility device will cause an incoming call to be forwarded to the fixed device.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. Claims 1, 4-7, 9, 13, 16-18, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hartmaier et al. (U.S. Patent 6,301,474).

Regarding claim 1, Hartmaier et al. teach a method for forwarding an incoming call addressed to one of a plurality of Directory Numbers belonging to a subscriber, including: receiving an incoming call at one of a number corresponding to a fixed-site device (Fig. 6 "office telephone 606") and a number corresponding to a mobility device ("mobile telephone 601") belonging to the subscriber; determining that a busy/no-answer ("busy/inactive") condition exists for the device corresponding to the number at which the incoming call is received; consult a call forward setting for the subscriber (Table 2); and performing a call forwarding action to the

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mobility device ("wireless 601") if the busy/no answer condition exists for the fixed-site device ("wire line telephone 606"), or to the fixed-sited device if the busy/no answer condition exists for the mobility device, based upon the call forward setting of the subscriber (col. 13, line 8 through col. 14, line 57).

Regarding claim 4, Hartmaier et al. teach the automatic redirection between wire line and wireless networks, determines that a busy/no-answer condition exists at the device, consults the subscriber's call forward setting (Table 2), and based upon the subscriber's call forward setting, forwards the call to a mobility device belonging to the subscriber or sending the call to a Mobile Switching Center associated with the Directory Number of the subscriber's mobility to the subscriber (col. 13, line 59 through col. 14, line 57).

Regarding claims 5, 6, 9, 17, and 20, Hartmaier et al. teach the steps of: receiving/sending a request for routing information from the Mobile Switching Center at a Home Location Register (Fig. 6, HLR 602); queries HLR 602 with location request; sending/receiving routing information based on the number returns from HLR 602 (col. 13, line 59 through col. 14, line 14).

Regarding claim 7, Hartmaier et al. teach detecting a busy/no-answer condition at the mobility device, and routing the call to voice mail ("pre-selected destination such as voice mail" - col. 14, lines 28-40).

Claims 13 and 18 are rejected for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 1. Furthermore, Hartmaier teaches a medium/memory coupled to processor for storing instructions (SCP 102).

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Regarding claim 16, Hartmaier et al. teach the instructions are to be executed by a processor (SMS 106).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. Claims 2, 3, 10-12, 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hartmaier et al. (U.S. Patent 6,301,474) in view of Harlow et al. (U.S. Patent 5,206,901).

Regarding claims 2, 10, and 11, Hartmaier et al. teach the fixed site device is a fixed-site telephone (“office telephone 606”) belonging to the subscriber. Hartmaier et al. do not teach the incoming call or performing call forwarding is received at a Class 5 Switch associated with the subscriber’s fixed-site telephone.

Harlow et al. teach the incoming call or performing call forwarding is received at a Class 5 Switch associated with the subscriber’s fixed-site telephone (col. 5, lines 61-67).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the feature of performing a call forwarding is received at a Class 5 Switch associated with the subscriber’s fixed-site telephone, as taught by Harlow et al., in Hartmaier’s system in order to have a variety of landline switching.

Regarding claim 3, Hartmaier et al. teach the automatic redirection between wire line and wireless networks, determines that a busy/no-answer condition exists at the device, consults the subscriber’s call forward setting (Table 2), and based upon the subscriber’s call forward setting, forwards the call to a mobility device belonging to the subscriber or sending the call to a Mobile Switching Center associated with the Directory Number of the subscriber’s mobility to the subscriber (col. 13, line 59 through col. 14, line 57).

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Regarding claim 12, Hartmaier et al. teach detecting a busy/no-answer condition at the mobility device, and routing the call to voice mail ("pre-selected destination such as voice mail" - col. 14, lines 28-40).

Regarding claim 14, Harlow discloses the instructions are adapted to be executed by a processor in a Class 5 Switch (Fig. 1, 110, 120, and 130).

5. Claims 23-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Creamer et al. (U.S. Patent 6,028,917).

Regarding claim 23, Creamer et al. teach a system that utilizes computers link through the Internet or web ("browser-capable" - Fig. 1, 6) to modify parameters of telephone services, for example, parameters of a standard service such as call forwarding by an authorized end user (col. 2, lines 46-64). However, Creamer et al. do not suggest the steps of receiving the request and processing the request to update the call forward setting. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art that the authorized end user would have a request to update the call forward setting and perform the request by himself/herself.

Regarding claims 24, 25, 29, and 30, Creamer et al. teach the system to modified the parameters of call forwarding to provide Advanced Intelligent Networks (AIN) within the PSTN. However, Creamer et al. do not suggest updating a corresponding subscriber profile in a HLR, and updating the call forward information on the Class 5 switch. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the features of updating a corresponding subscriber profile in a HLR, and updating the call forward information on the Class 5 switch, in Creamer's system in order to extend the networks to have a variety of different switches.

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Regarding claims 26 and 27, Creamer et al. teach the user device is a personal computer (computer 16), a mobility device, i.e. laptop.

Claim 28 is rejected for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 23. Furthermore, Creamer et al. teach voice peripheral computers and other computers are components of intelligent peripheral systems within resource management networks constructed in accordance with the AIN architecture are adapted/program to be executed by a processor (col. 6, lines 22-43).

Claims 31 and 32 are rejected for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claims 23-25.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-7, 9-14, 16-18, 20, and 23-32 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Bamburak (U.S. Patent 5,197,092) teaches location registration system for a personal communicator such as a cellular telephone.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quynh H. Nguyen whose telephone number is 703-305-5451. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday from 6:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

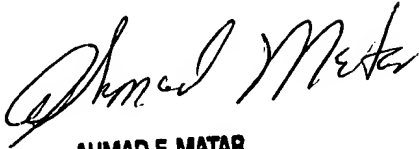
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar, can be reached on (703) 305-4731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9314.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-4700.

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